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I am writing to urge your organization to grant petition 98P-0151/QD1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

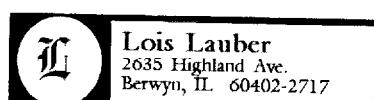
One may or may not care (I do!) about the inhumane way downed animals are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors to move them, but certainly all should care about sick and injured animals entering the human food chain.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing should cause no undue economic hardship. Moreover, industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. It would also eliminate a possible source of food contamination for humans.

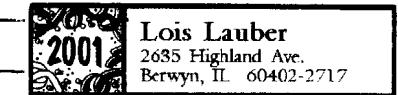
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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